WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. An isolated nucleic acid comprising a polynucleotide sequence encoding a vanadium bromoperoxidase polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 90% amino acid sequence identity to an amino acid sequence from residue 441 to residue 676 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polypeptide catalyzes the oxidation of o-dianisidine (ODA) when complexed with a vanadium ion.
- 2. The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide sequence has at least 60% sequence identity to a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO.1.
- 3. The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide sequence is as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.
- The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide has at least 80% identity to a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
- 5. The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
- 6. The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of about 73.4 kD.
- 7. The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of about 58 kD.
- 8. The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of about 40 kD.
- 9. The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide sequence is operably linked to a promoter sequence.

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- 10. An expression cassette comprising a heterologous promoter operably linked to a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 90% amino acid sequence identity to an amino acid sequence from residue 441 to residue 676 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polypeptide catalyzes oxidation of o-dianisidine (ODA) when complexed with a vanadium ion.
- 11. The expression cassette of claim 10, wherein the nucleic acid has at least 95% sequence identity to a nucleic acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO.1.
- 12. The expression cassette of olaim 10, wherein the nucleic acid has a nucleic acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO.1.
- The expression cassette of claim 10, wherein the polypeptide has at least 80% identity to a polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
- 14. The expression cassette of claim 10, wherein the polypeptide has a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO.2.
 - 15. A cell comprising the expression cassette of claim 10.
- 16. An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 90% amino acid sequence identity to a sequence from residue 441 to residue 676 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polypeptide catalyzes oxidation of o-dianisidine (ODA) when complexed with a vanadum ion.
- 17. The isolated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide has at least 80% identity to a polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
- 18. The isolated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide has a sequence as set forth in SEQ 10 NO:2.

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- 19. The polated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of about 3.4 kD.
- 20. The isolated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of about 58 kD.
 - 21. The isolated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of about 40 kD.
 - 22. The isolated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide is immobilized on a solid surface.
 - 23. The isolated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide further comprises a cleavable linker sequence.
 - 24. The isolated polypeptide of claim 23, wherein the cleavable linker sequence is an enterokinase cleavable linker sequence.
 - 25. The isolated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide further comprises an epitope tag.
 - 26. The isolated polypeptide of claim 25, wherein the epitope tag comprises a plurality of histidine residues.
- 27. The isolated polypeptide of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide further comprises a thioredoxin sequence.
 - 28. A method for enzymatically halogenating a compound, the method comprising contacting the compound with an isolated polypeptide of claim 16.
 - 29. The method of claim 28, wherein the compound is a protein.

30. A method for enzymatically oxidizing a compound, the method comprising contacting the compound with an isolated polypeptide of claim 16.